



## FRIDAY NIGHT FACTS

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**Welcome to Friday Night Facts !** This publication of the Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives is sent to you to keep you informed of initiatives, events, and success stories from throughout the state that were initiated by community and faith based organizations to benefit their communities. Hoosiers are known for their hospitality and for their commitment to caring for their neighbors.

The Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives is committed to helping Hoosiers serve their communities in the most effective way possible. That help may come in many forms and through this newsletter, we will highlight the people and organizations that are doing good work in every corner of our state. If you want to salute an organization or person for their good

work in your community, send us an e-mail. **We are here to serve you and your community!**

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### **IS AMERICORPS RIGHT FOR YOUR ORGANIZATION?**

The OFBCI has just released a request for proposals for new AmeriCorps operating grants, planning grants and Education Award Program grants for the 2006-2007 program year.

Four Technical Assistance Workshops have been scheduled in November to provide your organization with additional information about the 2006-07 grant application process. Please note that grant applicants are required to attend one of the Technical Assistance Workshops listed below.

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| November 1  | Tower Bank, Ft. Wayne, IN                   | 1:00 – 3:00 PM |
| November 4  | Ivy Tech State College, South Bend, IN      | 1:00 – 3:00 PM |
| November 14 | Indiana State Museum, Indianapolis, IN      | 1:00 – 3:00 PM |
| November 15 | Indiana Government Center, Indianapolis, IN | 1:00 – 3:00 PM |

To learn more about AmeriCorps programs, download the 2006 AmeriCorps grant application documents, and register for one of the workshops, visit our website ([www.ofbci.IN.gov](http://www.ofbci.IN.gov)). You're welcome to pass along this email to your networks and feel free to contact Cecelia Johnson-Powell with your questions.

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### **2005 GOVERNOR'S LUNCHEON FOR FAITH LEADERS**

The Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives is pleased to announce that the 2005 Governor's Luncheon for Faith Leaders will be held on November 10 at 11:30 AM in the Primo South Banquet Hall, 2615 E National, Indianapolis, 46227.

Through this luncheon, we hope to bring together faith leaders from around the state for a time of communication and education. Governor Mitch Daniels will address the gathering, and introduce the newly formed Faith-Based Advisory Council. The Faith-Based Advisory Council is composed of Hoosiers who reflect the rich diversity of faith traditions in our state, and will assist our office in reaching out to all citizens of Indiana. There will also be an exhibit area with Indiana State agencies presenting their programs and opportunities for involvement with faith-based organizations.

The luncheon is open to clergy and lay leaders of all faiths and denominations. There is no cost for the luncheon, but you must RSVP by calling 317 233 4273 or via [www.ofbci.in.gov](http://www.ofbci.in.gov) . Seating is limited, so act today!

## ***CENTRAL INDIANA CONVERSATIONS WITH OFBCI A GREAT SUCCESS!***

OFBCI conducted seven community forums in central Indiana in October: two in Indianapolis and one in Brownsburg, Anderson, Franklin, Greenfield, and Lebanon. Nearly 170 community members showed up from congregations, government agencies, secular non-profits, faith-based organizations and others.

The 90-minute conversations consisted of an introduction of the office, an informal community needs assessment / summary of accomplishments, and an explanation of what our office can do to assist organizations that want to explore the possibility of receiving government funding.

We noticed a few common themes throughout in our needs assessments: lack of public transportation, affordable housing, affordable healthcare and prisoner re-entry programs; limited coordination of available services; and lack of living wage employment, substance abuse programs, transitional housing, and services for victims of domestic abuse. We also noticed that there are some excellent programs running that are working on dealing with many of these issues. As we travel throughout the State, we are trying to promote these best practices and raise awareness of opportunities for funding and partnership with State government. Periodically, we use Friday Night Facts to highlight exceptional programs as well.

We're hosting two more community forums on November 1st: 9:00—10:30 AM at Ivy Tech State Campus, Ft. Wayne, and 6:00—7:30 PM at Tower Bank in Ft. Wayne. You can register online at [www.ofbc.IN.gov](http://www.ofbc.IN.gov).

Keep reading the Friday Night Facts for updates on future events in your area!

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## ***USDA EXTENDS NONFAT DRY MILK DONATIONS TO FAITH-BASED & COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS***

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21, 2005 - Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns today announced that USDA will donate an additional 25 million pounds of nonfat dry milk (NDM) to help care for the needy throughout the U.S., including those affected by the 2005 hurricanes.

"This initiative builds on the president's Faith-Based and Community Initiatives and promotes USDA's efforts to meet nutritional requirements of individuals in need," said Johanns. "Distribution of nonfat dry milk and its products to faith-based and community organizations is just one of many avenues through which USDA supports those in need."

Johanns made the donation possible by extending the current deadlines under the National Nonprofit Humanitarian Initiative (NNHI) through December 31, 2005.

USDA has a long history of establishing partnerships with faith-based and community organizations to deliver assistance through domestic and international feeding programs. USDA also administers 15 domestic nutrition programs that touch the lives of one in every five people in America each day. Those programs include the National School Lunch Program, the School Breakfast Program, the Food Stamp Program, The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children.

Nonprofit organizations currently participating in distribution of NDM products will not be required to sign up again under this extension. They need only submit orders requesting the quantity of products desired in their area. Faith-based and community organizations that had not participated in previous NDM distributions will be able to sign up for this distribution. The sign-up period, agreement applications, order forms and other up to date information can be found at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/daco/NNHIFY06.htm>, or by contacting Clyde King at (816) 926-2610; email: [Clyde.King@kcc.usda.gov](mailto:Clyde.King@kcc.usda.gov) or Lance Simson at (816) 823-3202; email: [Lance.Simson@kcc.usda.gov](mailto:Lance.Simson@kcc.usda.gov)

This press release can also be viewed at: <http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usdahome?contentidonly=true&contentid=2005/10/0452.xml>

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